Free land-line connection of MTNL

1696. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL are offering a free land-line connection for a period of one year to subscribers who have a land-line connection for at least a period of one year;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) whether any alternative option like reduction in tariff has been given to those eligible subscribers who do not want to another free land-line connection; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A promotional plan for landline service (1+1) has been launched with effect from 1st November, 2005 with one free additional landline connection at the same address and in the same name of the subscriber without any registration charge, security deposit and monthly rental for a period of one year to the customer.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) This scheme is introduced to increase the number of landline connections so as to utilize the network and increase revenue.

Inadequate cell sites in NDMC Area

1697. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a faulty coverage of cellular phone in NDMC area; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that the faulty coverage is due to inadequate number of cell sites against the minimum required number of 156; if so, the reasons therefor;